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CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW PROGRAM

Position Posting

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW PROGRAM STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION

The Children and Family Law Program of the Committee for Public Counsel Services, the Massachusetts public defender agency, is seeking a staff attorney for its office in Salem. The staff attorney will represent children and indigent parents in care and protection, child in need of services, and termination of parental rights cases in Juvenile and Probate Courts.

Responsibilities

The duties of the staff attorney include:

- Interviewing adult clients
- Visiting and interviewing child clients
- Pre-trial investigation and discovery, including locating and interviewing witnesses, reviewing documentary evidence, and consulting with service providers
- Legal research and writing
- Representing clients in pretrial proceedings, hearings, trials, and interlocutory appeals
- Advocating for appropriate services for clients and other family members

Requirements

Candidates must be eligible to practice law in Massachusetts and be committed to serving a culturally diverse, low income population. All staff attorney positions require travel. A valid driver's license and access to an automobile are necessary. Foreign language skills are desirable.

Salary

Commensurate with experience. The starting salary for entry level staff attorneys is currently \$45,540 per year.

Application

Please apply by sending a letter of interest, résumé, and legal writing sample to:

Kathleen M. McCaffrey, Managing Attorney Children and Family Law Program Committee for Public Counsel Services One Salem Green, Suite 408 Salem, MA 01970-3724

Candidates may submit application materials by mail, fax (978-740-3972), or email (<u>CAFLattorney@publiccounsel.net</u>). Applications should be submitted by **November 22, 2006**, but may be accepted until the position is filled.

The Committee for Public Counsel Services is an equal opportunity employer.

Date of Posting: November 1, 2006